

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

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Title: Vectors for Expression of HML-2  
Polypeptides

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Examiner: Crouch, Deborah

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed April 4, 2011, for which a response is initially due on or before May 4, 2011. Accordingly, an extension of time in which to respond is requested and the requisite fee accompanies this response.

The Examiner has required election of a single group from Groups I-II below:

Group I. claims 1-19, 22-24, 27 and 28, drawn to a nucleic acid vector comprising a promoter, a sequence encoding an HML-2 polypeptide, a pharmaceutical composition comprising the vector, a method for raising an immune response comprising administering the vectors, a method for treating a patient comprising administering the pharmaceutical composition and a virus-like particle comprising HML-2 gag polypeptides.

Group II, claim 29, drawn to a method for diagnosing cancer in a patient comprising contacting antibodies.

*Applicant hereby elects without traverse to prosecute the claims of Group I, claims 1-19, 22-24, 27 and 28.*